

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Kahle. LB 896 was introduced on behalf of Lancaster County and is very straightforward. The proposed legislation seeks to repeal Section 19-3101 which is a twenty year old law which requires Lancaster and Douglas Counties to appoint a five-member advisory committee to advise the two jurisdiction on zoning matters. Lancaster County has not ever implemented it. Douglas County implemented it twenty years ago and has not used it since. According to information I have received from representatives of both subdivisions, the intent of this statute is being satisfied by the existing planning bodies, thus rendering the section unnecessary and redundant. I move for the advancement of LB 896.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you, Mr. President. Fellow members, although I did not move to advance this bill, it came out of committee without my support, I will support it on the floor of the Legislature. I think, however, it is interesting that especially those of you who get deluged with the fact that we don't repeal obsolete statutes that this is one we are repealing. But more interesting is the fact that the Legislature some twenty years ago established a method for those people living within the two to three mile zoning jurisdiction to have some form of orderly representation on zoning issues that affected them, and I would be remiss if I didn't rise to voice my distrust with the Douglas County Board for having gone about fifteen or sixteen years with the statutory authority to provide that representation and in fact never have. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I just have one question. Senator Marsh, if she would yield. This only affects Lincoln and Omaha. It doesn't affect any other municipality or place in the state, right?

SENATOR MARSH: That is correct.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you.